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SUBJECT: RICHARDSON TASK FORCE ON INTERNATIONAL CORPORATE
PRACTICES

1. BECAUSE OF CONSUMING ATTENTION TO LOCKHEED SCANDAL HERE,
MUCH INTEREST IS BEING SHOWN IN RELATED MATTERS INCLUDING NEW
PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE ON QUESTIONABLE PAYMENTS ABROAD
HEADED BY COMMERCE SECY. RICHARDSON.

2. ACCORDINGLY WE WOULD LIKE BRIEF RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING
QUERIES:

(A) WHAT WILL BE THE TASK FORCE SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITY, RANGE
OF INQUIRY, ETC.?

(B) DOES THE TASK FORCE PLAN TO SOLICIT INFORMATION, OPINIONS
OR POSITIONS FROM U.S. GROUPS ABROAD WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN
THE SUBJECT?

(C) WILL THE COMMITTEE ENDEAVOR TO GAIN INFORMATION FROM OTHER
COUNTRY SOURCES? IS IT PLANNED THAT GOJ OR PRIVATE SOURCES
IN JAPAN WILL BE ASKED FOR INFORMATION?

(D) DOES THE TASK FORCE HAVE A STAFF? WHO HEADS IT AND WHERE
CAN HE BE REACHED?

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3. SINCE WE WOULD LIKE THIS INFORMATION QUICKLY, EVEN THOUGH

INCOMPLETE AND INCONCLUSIVE, COULD WE HAVE A RESPONSE BY
THURSDAY THIS WEEK.
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